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Freemasons, U.S. Scottish Rite Supreme  
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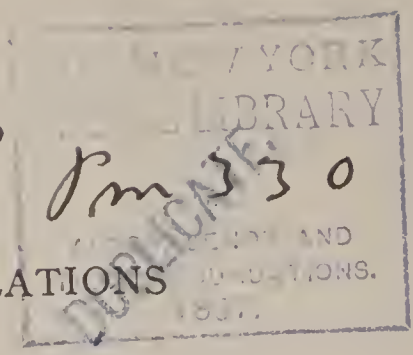


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THE Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the United States of America, their Territories and dependencies; founded upon the Constitutions of 1762, and organized in the city of New York on the 28th day of October, A.D. 1807, possesses within itself all the characteristic attributes of sovereignty.

It may create and establish bodies of the various grades subordinate to it; direct and control the principles and rituals propagated by them; enact and enforce laws and regulations for their government; also, determine in every particular all the affairs and interests of the Rite within its Jurisdiction.

In the exercise of these high powers and prerogatives, it adopts the following

CONSTITUTIONS, STATUTES, AND GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR  
ITS OWN GOVERNMENT AND THAT OF ITS CONSTITUENTS:

ARTICLE I.

This Supreme Council shall be composed of its officers, active, emeritus, and honorary members, who must all have attained



the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and whose powers, privileges, and duties shall be as hereinafter defined.

## ARTICLE II.

The Grand Orient of this Supreme Council shall be at the vertical point of the Z.: beneath the C.: C.:, answering to  $40^{\circ} 42' 40''$  N. L., and  $2^{\circ} 0' 51''$  E. of the meridian of the city of Washington, D. C., the same being within the limits of the city of New York; from which place all balustres, decrees, and official documents shall bear date.

## ARTICLE III.

### *Officers.*

SECTION I. The officers of this Supreme Council shall be :

1. Sovereign Grand Commander, whose title shall be Most Puissant.
2. Lieutenant Grand Commander, whose title shall be Puissant.
3. Grand Minister of State.
4. Grand Treasurer General of the Holy Empire.
5. Grand Secretary General of the Holy Empire, and Keeper of the Seals.
6. Grand Keeper of Archives.
7. Grand Master General of Ceremonies.
8. Grand Marshal General.
9. Grand Standard-Bearer.
10. Grand Captain of the Guard.

Who shall be chosen from among the active members of the Supreme Council (annually, beginning with the annual meeting, October, 1882) by secret ballot and a majority of all the votes cast.

The Sov.: Gr.: Commander shall have authority to appoint from the active or honorary members of this Council the following officers, to hold during his pleasure, and to have rank next after the active and emeritus members of the Council, but who shall not thereby be entitled to a vote :

A Grand Prior; three Marshals of the Camp, with the titles of Illustrious Marshals of the Camp; and a Grand Seneschal.

## ARTICLE IV.

*Members.*

SECTION 1. Active members, in addition to those now composing this Supreme Council, shall be chosen from among the honorary members. They shall be proposed and voted for in executive session by secret ballot, and three negative ballots shall reject an applicant.

SEC. 2. The number of active members shall not exceed eighty-one, including the officers and at least one S.: G.: I.: G.: from each and every State and Territory represented in the Supreme Council.

SEC. 3. Emeritus members shall be such S.: G.: I.: G.: as have occupied an elective office in this Supreme Council. They shall enjoy all the privileges of active membership.

SEC. 4. Honorary members are all other S.: G.: I.: G.: owing allegiance to this Supreme Council not included in either of the foregoing classes. They shall be entitled to seats in the Supreme Council during its open sessions, may join in debate or speak on questions before the Council, but shall not be entitled to vote or hold an elective office.

## ARTICLE V.

*Meetings.*

SECTION 1. The Supreme Council shall meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month of October in each and every year (at such hour as the Sov.: Gr.: Commander may determine) for the transaction of business and consideration of matters affecting the interests of the Rite, and said meeting may adjourn from time to time, until the business of the said annual meeting shall be completed. The Council shall be opened with full ceremonial, and the officers and members shall be decorated with the insignia of the grade.

SEC. 2. Special or extraordinary meetings may be called by the Sov.: Gr.: Commander, or at the request in writing of five active members, at any time and place; notice of which, stating the object, shall be served on every member of the Council at

least ten days before the date of such meeting, and no other business than that specified in said notice shall then be transacted.

SEC. 3. Executive sessions of active and emeritus members only, shall be held at every annual meeting, and may also be held at such other times as the business of the Supreme Council may require.

SEC. 4. The Sov.: Grand Commander or the Lieut.: Grand Commander and four active members of the Supreme Council shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of the Sovereign and the Lieutenant Grand Commanders, five Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: Gen.:, active members of this Supreme Council, shall form such a quorum, and the senior officer or active member present shall preside.

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Duties of Officers.*

SECTION 1. The Sov.: Grand Commander is the Supreme Chief of the Rite within the Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council. He shall preside at all meetings of the Council, and (if he so elect) at all assemblies of bodies owing obedience to this Supreme Council which he may favor with his presence. He shall have power to call special meetings as provided in Art. V.; he may issue dispensations for the organization of Subordinate Bodies during the recess of the Supreme Council, make all appointments not otherwise provided for by the Constitution and General Regulations; sign orders on the Gr.: Treas.: Gen.: for money previously approved and passed by the Supreme Council, and have a general supervision over the interests of the Rite, and report his proceedings to the Supreme Council at its annual meeting.

SEC. 2. The Lieut.: Grand Commander shall (during the absence or disability of the Sov.: Gr.: Com.:) succeed to, enjoy the prerogatives, and perform the duties of Sovereign Grand Commander until the next following annual meeting of the Supreme Council.

SEC. 3. The Minister of State shall preside at meetings of the Supreme Council in the absence of the Sov.: and Lieut.: Gr.:



Commanders, and in the event of the disability of both Commanders, shall succeed to and perform the duties of Sov.: Gr.: Com.: until the next annual meeting of the Supreme Council.

SEC. 4. The Grand Treasurer General of the H.: E.: shall receive from the Grand Secretary General all moneys received by the latter officer on account of the Supreme Council; keep a correct account of the same in a book provided for that purpose, and pay them out only on an order or warrant signed by the Sov.: Gr.: Com.: and the Gr.: Sec.: Gen.: He shall at the annual meeting present a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements (with vouchers) and surrender to the Council (at said annual meeting, or when demanded at any time by a majority vote of the active members present) the books, funds, and other property belonging to it in his possession.

SEC. 5. The Grand Secretary General of the H.: E.: shall have an office at the seat of the Grand Orient. He shall keep in proper books provided for the purpose, correct records of the transactions of the Supreme Council, oaths of fealty for all S. G. I. G.'s, a register of all brethren of the Supreme Council's obedience, showing date of their reception, rank, age, residence, and Lodge of the York Rite in which they hold membership. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Supreme Council and keep copies of the same in his office; he shall furnish to subordinate bodies all documentary forms to be used by them. He shall receive all moneys due the Supreme Council and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer General without unnecessary delay; draw, and with the Sovereign Grand Commander, sign money orders on the Grand Treasurer General for such sums as may have been approved by the Supreme Council. He shall present to the Supreme Council at its annual meeting a detailed report of the business of his office not previously published, and deliver to the order of the Supreme Council when it shall so demand, all books, documents, and property of every description (belonging to it) in his possession. He shall receive such remuneration for his services as the Supreme Council at its annual meeting may determine.

SEC. 6. The Grand Keeper of the Archives shall reside at the Grand East. He shall faithfully keep the archives of the Supreme Council, and all such documents and things as shall be entrusted to him by vote of the Supreme Council, or by deposit of any of the Grand Officers. All original papers received, and copies of all official

letters sent by any of the Grand Officers, (reserving copies of the documents when they judge the same to be necessary for the convenience of their several offices,) shall be deposited in the archives; and the Keeper of the Archives shall furnish each officer with official copies of any paper on file in his office when demanded, and also to furnish the Secretary with copies of the Journal of the Supreme Council—copies thus received or furnished to be the property of the Supreme Council, and to pass to the successor of the Grand Officer intrusted with their possession, to the end that there shall be preserved, in different deposits, sets of original and copies of important records.

SEC. 7. The Grand Master General of Ceremonies shall assist and perform such duties in conferring the high grades of Masonry as the Sovereign Grand Commander may direct. He shall introduce visitors to the Supreme Council, instruct Subordinate Bodies in the ritual of the Rite as adopted by this Supreme Council, and attend to such other matters as established usage has connected with his office.

SEC. 8. The Grand Marshal General shall have control and direction of all processions of the bodies of the Rite in which the Supreme Council may participate, and perform such other duties under the direction of the Sovereign Grand Commander as custom and usage have connected with his office.

SEC. 9. The Grand Standard-Bearer shall guard and protect the banner of the Rite during processions, or wherever else it may be used.

SEC. 10. The Grand Captain of the Guard shall keep faithful watch within and without the Supreme Council-chamber, to see that the portals are securely guarded, and perform such other duties as the Sov.: Gr.: Com.: may direct.

SEC. 11. The Grand Prior shall lead the devotional exercises in the Supreme Council, and at annual meetings deliver an address on some topic of interest previously determined.

SEC. 12. The Marshals of the Camp shall attend at all meetings of the Supreme Council, and perform such duties as the Sov.: Gr.: Com.: may require.

SEC. 13. The Grand Seneschal shall have charge of the paraphernalia and furniture of the Supreme Council; prepare the Council-

chamber for the deliberations and work of the Supreme Council ; guard the portals, and perform such other duties as the Sov.: Gr.: Com.: may direct ; and receive such compensation as the Supreme Council may at its annual meeting determine.

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Deputies.*

SECTION 1. The Sovereign Grand Commander may (with the approval of the Supreme Council) appoint from among the active or honorary members, a Deputy of the Supreme Council for each and every State and Territory within the Jurisdiction in which no Grand Consistory exists.

SEC. 2. The Deputies of the Supreme Council in the several States and Territories shall be the official representatives of this Supreme Council, and exercise all the powers of the said Council, within their respective districts, subject to the authority of the Supreme Council only. They shall see that the laws, regulations, and decrees of this Supreme Council are properly executed ; inspect the work and supervise the affairs of the several bodies of the Rite in their respective districts ; collect the reports of the work and dues to the Supreme Council, and transmit the same to the Grand Secretary General before the 27th day of the month of September in each and every year. They shall be entitled to receive from bodies requiring their assistance for purposes of instruction or otherwise in the interest of the Rite, the amount of actual expenses incurred in the performance of such services.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### *Committees.*

SECTION 1. The Sovereign Grand Commander shall, at every annual meeting of the Supreme Council, appoint Committees as below named, who shall continue in office one year, and meet for business purposes at least thirty days before the time appointed for the succeeding annual meeting. Such Committees shall be composed of the active members of the Supreme Council, viz. :



1. On the General State of the Rite to consist of 3 members.			
2. On Constitution and Laws	"	3	"
3. On Jurisprudence	"	3	"
4. On Finance	"	3	"
5. On Rituals and matters connected therewith	"	5	"
6. On Foreign Relations	"	3	"
7. On Warrants	"	3	"
8. On Returns and Deputies' Reports	"	3	"
9. On Unfinished Business	"	3	"
10. On Deceased Members	"	3	"

## ARTICLE IX.

### *Subordinate Bodies.*

SECTION 1. The several grades of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction shall be conferred in Subordinate Bodies as follows, to wit :

The 4th and to the 14th degree, both inclusive, in Lodges of Perfection ; the 15th and 16th degrees in Councils of Princes of Jerusalem ; the 17th and 18th degrees in Chapters of Rose Croix de H. R. D. M. ; the 19th and to the 30th degree, both inclusive, in a Council of Kadosh ; the 31st and 32d degrees in the Grand Consistory of the State or Territory, or from the Deputy of said State or Territory where no Grand Consistory has been organized.

## ARTICLE X.

### *Authority over the Degrees.*

SECTION 1. The Supreme Council reserves to itself the right, without reference to its Subordinate Bodies (for reasons which it may deem satisfactory), to confer any of the grades of the Rite. It may delegate authority to Sovereign Grand Inspectors General to confer the same up to and including the thirty-second degree in foreign countries where no Supreme Council exists ; also in States and Territories within its Jurisdiction for the purpose of establishing Bodies subordinate to it.

SEC. 2. Candidates for the degrees and for membership in any of these Bodies must furnish proof of membership in good standing in Bodies of the preceding grades, and their petitions shall be pre-



sented at a stated meeting, referred to a committee for investigation as to character and fitness, who shall report ; when unanimous consent by secret ballot shall be necessary to elect.

SEC. 3. All dispensations and charters to organize Subordinate Bodies, blank diplomas, and letters patent or of credence, shall emanate from the Supreme Council with the great Seal of the Council affixed. Oaths of fealty and forms of documents of every description used by Subordinate Bodies shall be approved by this Supreme Council before becoming effective.

SEC. 4. All rituals for opening and closing the several bodies, and for conferring the various grades from the 4th to the 32d, both inclusive ; also forms for installation and other ceremonies of the Rite shall be issued by this Supreme Council, and Subordinate Bodies are strictly prohibited from using any other.

SEC. 5. No dispensation shall be issued to organize a body of the Rite in any city or town where one of equal grade in obedience to this Supreme Council shall at the time be in existence, without the recommendation of all whose Jurisdiction would be affected thereby ; nor in any case without the approval of the Deputy of this Supreme Council for the State or Territory in which the applicants for said dispensation may reside.

SEC. 6. Dispensations or warrants to organize Subordinate Bodies shall not be issued until the fee prescribed by these Constitutions shall be paid to the Grand Secretary General.

## ARTICLE XI.

### *Lodges of Perfection.*

SECTION 1. A Lodge of Perfection may be organized upon the application of twenty or more G. E. P. and S. M.'s, four of whom shall have attained the grade of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree.

SEC. 2. Lodges of Perfection shall have control of and authority to confer the following degrees, to wit :

- 4° Secret Master.
- 5° Perfect Master.
- 6° Intimate Secretary.
- 7° Provost and Judge.

- 8° Intendant of the Building.
- 9° Elect of Nine.
- 10° Elect of Fifteen.
- 11° Sublime Knight Elect.
- 12° Grand Master Architect.
- 13° Knight of the Ninth Arch.
- 14° Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason.

At least one of which shall be conferred with full ceremonial before the candidate can receive the degree of G. E. P. and S. M., which grade shall always be so conferred, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. A Lodge of Perfection shall not receive a petition for the degrees conferred by it unless the candidate is at the time a Master Mason in good standing in a Symbolic Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M.'s in the State or Territory in which he may reside, or that of a Grand Lodge in fraternal correspondence with the same.

SEC. 4. The Officers of a Lodge of Perfection shall be styled and take rank as follows :

1. Grand Master, whose title is Thrice Potent.
2. Deputy Gr.: Mas.:, whose title is Hiram of Tyre.
3. Senior Grand Warden, whose title is Venerable.
4. Junior Grand Warden, whose title is Venerable.
5. Grand Orator.
6. Grand Treasurer.
7. Grand Secretary, Keeper of S. and A.
8. Grand Master of Ceremonies.
9. Grand Captain of the Guard.
10. Grand Hospitaller.
11. Grand Tiler.

The first seven of whom shall be elected by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast at the stated communication of the Lodge next preceding the third day of the month Adar in each year, and installed on or before the following stated communication. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and hold office during his pleasure.

SEC. 5. The first four officers of a Lodge of Perfection shall have attained the grade of S.: P.: of the R.: S.:, 32d degree.

SEC. 6. A Lodge of Perfection may be opened for the transaction of business if the Gr.: Mas.: or the Dep.: Gr.: Mas.:, or either of the Wardens and five members be present.

SEC. 7. Lodges of Perfection shall, every year, celebrate the building of the first Temple in the month Tishri, and shall also observe the fifth day of the month Ab, in memory of its dedication.

## ARTICLE XII.

### *Councils of Princes of Jerusalem.*

SECTION 1. A Council of Princes of Jerusalem may be organized upon the application of twenty Knights, Prince Masons (three of whom have attained the grade of S.: P.: of the R.: S.:), members (at the time of making application) in good standing of a Lodge of Perfection under the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council.

SEC. 2. Council of Princes of Jerusalem shall have control of and authority to confer the degrees of :

15° Knight of the East or Sword.

16° Prince of Jerusalem.

At least one of which shall be conferred with full ceremonial on each candidate, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. A Council of Princes of Jerusalem shall not receive a petition for the degrees conferred by it, unless the applicant is at the time a member in good standing in a Lodge of Perfection under the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council.

SEC. 4. The officers of a Council of Princes of Jerusalem shall be styled and take rank as follows :

1. The Sov.: Pr.: Gr.: Mas.:, whose title is Most Equitable.
2. The Gr.: High Priest, Dep.: Gr.: Mas.:
3. The Senior Gr.: Warden, whose title is Most Enlightened.
4. The Junior Gr.: Warden, " " "
5. The Grand Treasurer. " Valorous.
6. The Grand Secretary, Keeper of the S.: and A.:, whose title is Valorous.
7. The Grand Mas.: of Ceremonies, whose title is Valorous.
8. The Grand Almoner, " "
9. The Grand Mas.: of Entrances, " "
10. The Grand Tiler, "



The first three of whom shall have received the grade of S.: P.: of the R.: S.:, 32d degree, and the first six of whom shall be elected by ballot and a majority of all the votes cast at the stated Conclave of the Council next preceding the twentieth day of the month Tebet, and installed into office on or before the following stated Conclave. The remaining officers may be appointed by the Sov.: Pr.: Gr.: Mas.:, and hold office during his pleasure.

SEC. 5. The Sov.: Pr.: Gr.: Mas.:, the Gr.: High Priest, or either of the Wardens and four members of a Council, may open the same, and be a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 6. Councils of Pr.: of Jer.: shall assemble on the equinocial days in spring and autumn—hold the following feasts, to wit : The grand feast on the 23d day of the month Adar, in memory of the thank-offering that day rendered to God for the rebuilding of the Temple ; and on the 20th day of the month Tebet, a feast to celebrate the commemoration of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem of the ambassadors on their return from Babylon. Shall not receive petitions except from members of Lodge of Perfection under this Jurisdiction.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### *Chapters of Rose Croix.*

SECTION 1. A Chapter of Rose Croix of H.: R.: D.: M.: Knights of the Eagle and Pelican may be organized upon the application of twenty Knights of the East and West, Perfect Prince Masons of H.: R.: D.: M.:, three of whom shall have received the grade of S.: P.: of the R.: S.:, and members (at the time of making application) in good standing in a Council of Princes of Jer.: under the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council.

SEC. 2. Chapters of Rose Croix shall have control of and authority to confer the following degrees, to wit :

17° Knight of the East and West.

18° Knight of the Rose Croix de H.: R.: D.: M.:.

At least one of which shall be conferred with full ceremonial, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. A Chapter of Rose Croix shall not receive a petition for the degrees conferred by it, unless the applicant is at the time a



member in good standing in a Council of Princes of Jerusalem under the Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council.

SEC. 4. The officers of a Chapter of Rose Croix shall be styled and take rank as follows :

1. Master, whose title shall be M.: Wise and Per.:
2. Senior Warden, whose title shall be M.: Ex.: and P.: K.:
3. Junior Warden, " " " "
4. Orator, " " " "
5. Treasurer, whose title shall be Respectable and Per.: K.:
6. Secretary, " " " "
7. Hospitaller, " " " "
8. Mas.: of Cer.:, " " " "
9. Cap.: of the G.:, " " " "

The first three named shall have received the grade of S.: P.: of the R.: S.:, 32d degree, and the first six of whom shall be elected by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast at the stated convocation of the Chapter next preceding Holy Thursday or Ascension-day in each year, and installed on or before the next stated convocation; the remaining officers shall be appointed by the Master, and hold office during his pleasure.

SEC. 5. A Chapter of Rose Croix may be opened for the transaction of business if the Master, or either of the Wardens and five members be present.

SEC. 6. Chapters of Rose Croix are recommended to meet on the following days, viz.: Maundy-Thursday, Easter-day, first Thursday after Easter, Ascension-day, Pentecost, All-Saints-day, both feast days of St. John.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### *Councils of Kadosh.*

SECTION 1. A Council of Kadosh, 30th degree, may be organized upon the application of thirty Sublime Princes who have attained the thirtieth grade of the Rite, three of whom shall have received the grade of S.: P.: of the R.: S.:, 32d degree, and members (at the time of making the application) in good standing in a Chapter of Rose Croix under the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council.

SEC. 2. A Council of Kadosh, 30th degree, shall have control of and authority to confer the following degrees, to wit :

- 19° Grand Pontiff.
- 20° Master ad Vitam.
- 21° Patriarch Noachite.
- 22° Prince of Libanus.
- 23° Chief of the Tabernacle.
- 24° Prince of the Tabernacle.
- 25° Knight of the Brazen Serpent.
- 26° Prince of Mercy.
- 27° Commander of the Temple.
- 28° Knight of the Sun.
- 29° Knight of St. Andrew.
- 30° Grand Elect K.: H.:, or Knight of the White and Black Eagle.

At least one of which shall be conferred with full ceremonials and instruction before admitting the candidate to the grade of Grand Elect Kadosh, which shall always be in full form, except by special dispensation from the Sov.: Gr.: Com.: or the Deputy of the Supreme Council.

SEC. 3. The officers of a Council of Kadosh shall be styled and take rank as follows, viz. :

- 1. Ill.: Commander.
- 2. " First Lieut.: Commander.
- 3. " Second Lieut.: Commander.
- 4. " Minister of State and Gr.: Orator.
- 5. " Grand Chancellor.
- 6. " " Treasurer.
- 7. " " Secretary and Keeper of S.: and A.:
- 8. " " Mas.: of Ceremonies.
- 9. " " Engineer and Architect.
- 10. " " Standard-Bearer.
- 11. " " Hospitaller.
- 12. " " Cap.: of the Guard.
- 13. " " Sentinel.

The first three of whom shall have received the grade of S.: P.: of the R.: S.:, 32d degree, and the first seven of whom shall be elected by ballot and a majority of all votes cast at the stated rendezvous next preceding the festival of Saint John the Evan-

gelist, and installed on or before the next stated rendezvous ; the remaining officers shall be appointed by the Commander, and hold office during his pleasure.

SEC. 4. A Council of Kadosh may open and transact business if the Ill. : Commander or one of the Lieutenant Commanders and six members be present.

## ARTICLE XV.

### *Grand Consistories.*

SECTION 1. In each State or Territory under the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council, wherein are located a duly warranted Council of Kadosh, 30th degree ; Chapter of Rose Croix, 18th degree ; Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 16th degree ; and a Lodge of Perfection of Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Masons, 14th degree, there may be established upon the application of the first three officers of the aforesaid bodies accompanied by the prescribed fee and the recommendation of the Deputy for the said State or Territory, a Grand Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32d degree.

SEC. 2. A Grand Consistory instituted in a State or Territory shall thereupon assume and exercise the powers and authority of a Deputy of this Supreme Council over the Ancient and Accepted Rite under its jurisdiction, and the Ill. : Commander-in-Chief shall be entitled to active representation and membership in the Supreme Council during the occupancy of said office.

SEC. 3. The officers of a Grand Consistory shall be styled and take rank as follows, viz. :

1. Ill. : Commander-in-Chief (who shall be chosen from among the S. : G. : I. : G. : of said State or Territory).
2. Ill. : Deputy Commander-in-Chief.
3. " First Lieutenant Commander.
4. " Second Lieutenant Commander.
5. " Minister of State and Grand Orator.
6. " Grand Chancellor.
7. " " Treasurer.
8. " " Secretary.
9. " " Prior.

10. Ill.: Grand Master of Ceremonies.
11. " " Engineer and Architect.
12. " " Marshal.
13. " " Standard-Bearer.
14. " " Hospitaller.
15. " " Captain of the Guard.
16. " " Sentinel.

SEC. 4. The membership of a Grand Consistory shall consist of the elective officers, the first three officers of the Councils of Kadosh, Chapters of Rose Croix, Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, and the first four officers of Lodges of Perfection or their duly qualified proxies, Honorary S.: G.: I.: Generals of the State, and all Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32d degree.

SEC. 5. The Grand Consistory shall meet annually for the transaction of legislative or executive business concerning the Rite within their State or Territory, and at such sessions its officers, representatives, and the Sov.: G.: I.: G.: only, shall be entitled to vote on matters concerning the government of the Rite or for the election of nominees for the honorary grade of S.: G.: I.: G.:

SEC. 6. All Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, shall be entitled to seats in the Grand Consistory and voice in debate by permission of the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief.

SEC. 7. It shall hold an assembly for the conferring of the degrees of Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander, 31st degree, and Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, as often as may be deemed requisite, and special assemblies may be held for such purpose in each city and town wherein are located a Council of Kadosh, 30th degree, upon the application of nine officers or representatives of the said Grand Consistory to the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief.

SEC. 8. Grand Consistories shall keep records of their proceedings, and the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief shall transmit to the Grand Sec.: Gen.: a copy of the same as soon as possible after the close of each meeting.

SEC. 9. At every annual assembly of a Grand Consistory the manner of conferring some one or more degrees of the Rite shall be exemplified with full ceremonial.



## ARTICLE XVI.

*Revenue.*

SECTION I. The revenues of this Supreme Council shall be derived from the following sources, to wit :

1. For dispensations and warrants (or charters to institute Subordinate Bodies).
2. A tax on said Bodies for every brother admitted to the highest grade conferred by it.
3. An annual tribute by said Bodies.
4. A fee for every certificate of membership, letter patent, or of credence and diploma issued.
5. A fee for conferring the grade of S.: G.: I.: G.:

## ARTICLE XVII.

*Warrants.*

SECTION I. The charge for warrants shall be as follows :

Warrant for a Grand Consistory .....	\$25 00
“ “ Council of Kadosh .....	25 00
“ “ Chapter of Rose Croix .....	25 00
“ “ Council of Princes of Jerusalem .....	25 00
“ “ Lodge of Perfection .....	25 00

Charges for warrants and diplomas to go into the Treasury.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

*Rates for Conferring Degrees.*

SECTION I. The minimum rate for conferring the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, by all Bodies under this Jurisdiction, shall be as follows, viz. :

In a Grand Consistory .....	\$10 00
“ Council of Kadosh .....	10 00
“ Chapter of Rose Croix .....	10 00
“ Council of Princes of Jerusalem .....	10 00
“ Lodge of Perfection .....	10 00

## ARTICLE XIX.

*Increase of Fees.*

SECTION 1. No Grand Consistory, Council of Kadosh, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, or Lodge of Perfection shall confer any of the degrees for any less sums than those hereinbefore provided ; but may increase the amount at their pleasure.

SEC. 2. No warrant shall be issued, except to a Grand Consistory, until the Body applying therefor shall have worked under dispensation at least three months, and be recommended by the Deputy of the Supreme Council for the State or Territory in which said Body is located.

SEC. 3. The several Subordinate Bodies shall pay (through their Grand Consistory or the Deputy of the State) into the Treasury of this Supreme Council at the time of making their annual returns for each and every brother admitted to its highest grade, the following sums, to wit :

From a Lodge of Perfection.....	\$1 00
“ Council of Princes of Jerusalem.....	1 00
“ Chapter of Rose Croix.....	1 00
“ Council of Kadosh .....	1 00
“ Grand Consistory.....	1 00

And all Subordinate Bodies holding dispensations or warrants shall pay the sum of \$5.00 in addition to the fees constitutionally required, annually to the Supreme Council, which sum shall accompany their returns.

SEC. 4. The charge for certificates, letters patent, and diplomas of the several grades shall be as follows :

Grand Consistories .....	\$3 00
“ “ parchment .....	4 00
“ S.: G.: I.: G.:, 33d degree.....	5 00

The fee for conferring the grade of Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: Gen.: shall be \$50 00.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS.

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1. On occasions of ceremony the officers and members of the Supreme Council shall take rank as follows :

1. Sov.: Gr.: Com.
2. Lieut.: Gr.: Com.:
3. Past Sov.: Gr.: Com.:
4. Gr.: Min.: of State.:
5. " Treas.: Gen.:
6. " Sec.: Gen.:
7. " Keeper of the Archives.
8. " Mas.: Gen.: of Cer.:
9. " Marshal Gen.:
10. " Standard-Bearer.
11. " Cap.: of the Guard.
12. " Commanders-in-Chief of Grand Consistories and  
Deputies of the Supreme Council.
13. " Grand Prior.
14. " Marshals of the Camp.
15. " Seneschal.
16. Active members according to seniority.
17. Emeritus " " "
18. Honorary " " "

2. Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, active or emeritus members of this Supreme Council, shall have the right to visit any of the Bodies of the Rite owing allegiance to it without formality or ceremony on his part, if he so desire ; but if announced in his official capacity, must display the insignia of his rank. He shall then be received under the Arch of Steel, with the high honors of his grade and conducted to the dais. He may inspect the work, correct irregularities, and perform such other acts as he may deem advisable for the best interests of the Rite ; and for his actions he shall be amenable to the Supreme Council.

3. An active member who shall resign his seat in this Supreme Council shall, as a past active member, have the right to be present at all sessions of the Supreme Council and to a voice therein, but no vote.

4. An officer or active member absenting himself from the meetings of the Supreme Council for two successive years without satisfactory reason therefor shall be deemed to have resigned his activity, and may by a two-thirds vote of all the active members present at the following annual meeting be retired from his rank, and placed on the list of honorary members.

5. Every State and Territory within this Jurisdiction shall be entitled to nominate, through the Grand Consistory thereof, one candidate for the degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Honorary member of this Supreme Council for every fifty G.: E.: P.: and S.: Masons exalted within its Jurisdiction. At the annual adjustment of the number each district shall be entitled to the fractional part of said fifty (if any there be), shall be carried forward on the books of the Supreme Council to the credit of said State or Territory, and allowed to accumulate until another honorary member shall have been earned, and the fractional surplus again carried forward in like manner and with like result.

6. Petitions for the grade of Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: Gen.: shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, giving name in full ; place and date of birth ; religion, occupation, and rank in the several Bodies of the A.: and A.: S.: Rite and York Rites ; said petitions shall be recommended by two active members, referred to a committee for investigation and report ; when a vote by secret ballot shall be taken, and unless three rejecting ballots appear, the candidate shall be declared elected. The honors of this grade shall not be conferred upon any applicant under the age of thirty-three years.

7. Candidates elected to the grade of Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: Gen.: failing to present themselves at the succeeding annual meeting without satisfactory reason therefor, shall forfeit all privileges following said election, unless otherwise ordered by the Supreme Council.

8. The grade of Sov.: Gr.: Ins.: Gen.: shall be conferred only in Supreme Council, or by its duly appointed delegate.



9. Honorary members of this Supreme Council ceasing to be members of all the Subordinate Bodies, shall forfeit their rights to seats in this Supreme Council.

10. Notices of the meetings of the Supreme Council shall be sent to every member thereof—active, emeritus, and honorary.

11. No contract to bind this Supreme Council for the payment of money shall be entered into by any of its members, except in pursuance of an order previously made by the Supreme Council.

12. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury except upon a warrant in accordance with an order previously made by the Supreme Council.

13. Every Subordinate Body of the Rite should meet at least four times in each and every year.

14. The admission of candidates to the several Subordinate Bodies shall be by unanimous consent expressed by secret ballot.

15. Subordinate Bodies may form and adopt laws for their own government not inconsistent with the Constitution, Statutes, and General Regulations adopted by this Supreme Council.

16. An elective officer of a Subordinate Body shall not be permitted to resign.

17. In the decision of questions in Subordinate Bodies not provided for by these Constitutions, the laws, regulations, and usages of the Grand Lodge of the York Rite in the State or Territory in which said Body may be located, shall be adopted.

18. All members of the A.: and A.: S.: Rite up to and including the grade of S.: P.: of the R.: S.:, shall be amenable to the several Bodies in which they hold membership. Any Body of the Rite may try and sentence a member for a Masonic offence; but such sentence shall not have any effect in the Bodies higher in grade than the one in which the trial occurred, until the cause be examined by such higher Body and re-affirmed. The judgment of a superior Body in sentencing an offender shall be binding in the Bodies lower in grade.

19. Any member disciplined in the Body of which he is a member may appeal to the Grand Consistory of his State, or to the Supreme Council.

20. Every Subordinate Body shall make returns annually on forms furnished by this Supreme Council, giving full particulars of their work as therein required. One copy of which shall be sent to the Grand Secretary General before the 27th day of September; one copy to the Deputy or Grand Consistory for the State or Territory; and one copy filed in the archives of the Body making the returns—all of which shall bear the Seal and be certified by the presiding officer and Secretary.

21. All Subordinate Bodies neglecting or refusing to make returns and pay dues as provided and specified in these Constitutions for two consecutive years without satisfactory reasons to the Supreme Council shall forfeit their warrants, and the Sov.: Grand Commander shall within ninety days after the close of each annual session declare the warrants of such delinquent Bodies suspended, and the Grand Consistory or Deputy for the State or Territory shall thereupon demand from such Bodies the surrender to the Supreme Council of the warrant and other properties.

22. Vacancies occurring in elective offices in any Subordinate Body of the Rite between the stated times of election, may be filled by the presiding officer of such Body, and the appointee shall hold such office until the next succeeding annual meeting. Vacancies in the first or presiding office shall be filled in order by the second, third, and fourth officer.

23. Secretaries of Subordinate Bodies shall keep correct registers of all admissions to membership, showing date of same, and of taking O.: of F.:; also, place and date of birth, residence, and occupation. They shall report the rejection of petitions for the degrees in their Bodies to the presiding officers of all other Bodies of equal grade in the State or Territory. They shall within twenty days after the election of officers forward a certificate thereof to the Grand Consistory or Deputy for the State or Territory, and to the Grand Secretary General of the H.: E.:, with the post-office address of the presiding officer.

24. These Constitutions shall not be amended or repealed unless notice thereof in writing be given at an annual meeting of the Supreme Council; referred to an appropriate Standing Committee; entered in the minutes; printed with the published proceedings of such annual meeting and at the next succeeding annual meeting; three-fourths of all the active and emeritus members present (if a majority of the voters of the Council) agree thereto.

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